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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Peral Fishery operations were carried on during March-April 1958.

(*b*) It was estimated that 2,14,00,000 (two crores and fourteen lakhs) matured oysters would be available for fishing in March-April 1958.

(*c*) A total quantity of 2,14,76,514 (two crores fourteen lakhs seventy-six thousand five hundred and fourteen) oysters were actually fished from various parts of the coast of Tuticorin during March-May 1958.

(*d*) By sale of the Government share of the oysters a sum of Rs. 4,65,098 (rupees four lakhs sixty-five thousand and ninety-eight) was realised. The net revenue has not yet been arrived at.

* 198 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR AND SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the value of pearls got by the pearl-diving during 1957–58 in the Tuticorin area;

(*b*) the revenue that accrued to the Government by pearl fishing; and

(*c*) whether pearls are available anywhere else in the State coasts?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) As the Government share of the pearl oysters collected was sold in public auction to merchants and the public, no information is available as to the value of pearls realized by the purchasers. The Government only sell the oysters and don't sell the pearls after cleaning the oysters.

(*b*) The net revenue realised by the sale of oysters was Rs. 1,47,155 (rupees one lakh, forty-seven thousand, one hundred and fifty-five only).

(*c*) No pearl oyster beds have been located elsewhere than of Tuticorin. Investigation is however being carried on by the Fisheries Department on Mallipatnam and Sivaganga waters.

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* 203-A *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the total amount realized from the sale of pearl oysters from Tuticorin for the year 1956–57?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Rs. 44,454.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, முத்துசிப்பிகளெல்லாம் எப்படி உண்டாகின்றன என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விளக்குவார்களா ?

MR. SPEAKER : அந்தக் கேள்வி எப்படி கேட்கலாம் ? சபையின் நேரத்தை இதற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமா ?

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN : சென்னை கவர்ன்மெண்ட் ஹௌஸிலே இன்பர்மேஷன் பிலிம் ஒன்று காண்பிக்கப்பட்டது. அதைக் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் பார்த்ததில்லை போலும்.